

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

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1. A friendship bracelet for wearing on the wrist, comprising:

5 a) a wristband formed of an outer fabric material and an inner stretchable elastic material and including releasable closure means for opening and closing said wristband;

b) a plurality of closed loop members slidably removable from said wristband for exchanging with the closed loop members of other ones of said wristbands; and

10 c) each of said plurality of closed loop members having a surface with first indicia thereon for exchanging with the closed loop members of other ones of said wristbands having second, third and fourth indicia thereon.

15 2. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said outer fabric material is selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, nylon, silk, linen, polyester and combinations thereof.

20 3. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said inner stretchable elastic material is selected from the group consisting of elasticized plastics, rubber, plasticized rubber, elasticized fabric materials, and combinations thereof.

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4. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said releasable closure means are selected from the group consisting of snaps, clasps, hook and loop fasteners, buckle and tine members, hook members, buttons, and equivalents thereof.

5 5. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said closed loop member is made of fabric material selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, nylon, silk, linen, polyester and combinations thereof.

6. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first indicia is imprinted or embroidered on said surface of said closed loop member.

7. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first indicia includes an embroidered or imprinted indicia member attached to said surface of said closed loop member by means of gluing, sewing, stapling, heat sealing or laser fusion.

8. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first indicia has a design selected from the group consisting of stars, stripes, hearts, flowers, insects, animals and the like.

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a2 9. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first indicia has a color format selected from the group consisting of colors such as red, blue, green, yellow, purple, pink and the like.

5 10. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first indicia has indicia symbols selected from the group consisting of letters, initials, names, numbers, insignias, emblems, corporate logos and the like.

10 11. A friendship bracelet in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said wristband retains at least two or more of said closed loop members thereon for displaying said first and second indicia on said closed loop members.

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a2 12. A method of using the friendship bracelet of Claim 1, wherein said friendship bracelet includes a wristband having thereon a plurality of closed loop members with first indicia thereon, and having releasable closure means; comprising the following steps:

15 a) opening said releasable closure means and slidably removing from said wristband one of said plurality of closed loop members having said first indicia thereon;

20 b) exchanging said removed one of said plurality of closed loop members with the closed loop member from another one of said friendship bracelets having second indicia thereon;

c) ~~sliding the closed loop member from said another one of said friendship bracelets onto said wristband; and~~

d) closing said closure means to retain said wristband on the wrist of the wearer having closed loop members thereon with said first and second indicia thereon.

13. A friendship necklace for wearing on the neck, comprising:

a) a neckband formed of an outer fabric material and an inner band and including releasable closure means for opening and closing said neckband;

b) a plurality of closed loop members slidably removable from said neckband for exchanging with the closed loop members of other ones of said neckbands; and

c) each of said plurality of closed loop members having a surface with first indicia thereon for exchanging with the closed loop members of other ones of said neckbands having second, third and fourth indicia thereon.

14. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said outer fabric material is selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, nylon, silk, linen, polyester and combinations thereof.

15. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said innerband is made of stretchable elastic material and is selected from the group consisting of elasticized plastics, rubber, plasticized rubber, elasticized fabric materials, and combinations thereof.

16. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said inner band is made of non-stretchable materials and is selected from the group consisting of fabric materials, pliable plastic, and combinations thereof.

17. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said releasable closure means are selected from the group consisting of snaps, clasps, hook and loop fasteners, buckle and tine members, hooking members, buttons, and equivalents thereof.

18. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said closed loop member is made of fabric material selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, nylon, silk, linen, polyester and combinations thereof.

19. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first indicia is imprinted or embroidered on said surface of said closed loop member.

20. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first indicia includes an embroidered or imprinted indicia member attached to said surface of said closed loop member by means of gluing, sewing, stapling, heat sealing or laser fusion.

5 21. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first indicia has a design selected from the group consisting of stars, stripes, hearts, flowers, insects, animals and the like.

sub 25 22. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first indicia has a color format selected from the group consisting of colors such as red, blue, green, yellow, purple, pink and the like.

23. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said first indicia has indicia symbols selected from the group consisting of letters, initials, names, numbers, insignias, emblems, corporate logos and the like.

20 24. A friendship necklace in accordance with Claim 13, wherein said neckband retains at least two or more of said closed loop members thereon for displaying said first and second indicia on said closed loop members.